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POLITICAL/ECONOMIC

2. Injured U.S. Journalists Evacuated from Royalist Yemen

On May 12 a C-47 aircraft of the U.S. Military Training Mission flew to Ukd in Royalist Yemen a few miles across the Saudi frontier center of Najran to evacuate "New York Times" correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt, and "Christian Science Monitor" correspondent John Rigos. Schmidt and Rigos had been injured when their jeep overturned as they were travelling south from Ukd to interview Royalist Prime Minister Sayf al-Islam al-Hassan. In the accident Schmidt suffered fractured neck vertebrae and Rigos sustained concussion. The plane returned to Jidda where the injured were transferred to a chartered Saudi Airlines DC-6 aircraft for onward travel to Beirut. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: The Embassy had at first assumed it would be possible for the evacuation from Ukd to Jidda to be carried out by Saudi aircraft. When the matter was referred to higher authorities by the Foreign Ministry, however, it was determined that Saudi aircraft was not to be used, presumably because the site of the Ukd hospital is located inside Yemen and it was considered desirable to avoid giving grounds for any possible accusations of Saudi-Royalist cooperation even on a mercy mission. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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1. Dominican Republic

Saudi press coverage of the Dominican Republic crisis continue to be drawn from material carried by the Western wire services. Commentary was limited in quantity and not unfriendly to the U.S.

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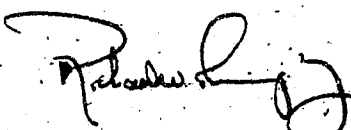
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